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‘Why, why, why?’

In 2014, Catie Miller was brutally murdered and dismembered. On Thursday, her killers received their sentences for a cold and heinous crime that’s left her family in ‘endless pain’ **metroNEWS**



JEFF HARPER/METRO

Refugee boom keeps housing hot in Halifax

MARKET ANALYSIS

Other cities get high risk rating — we stay green in all categories



Jen Taplin
For Metro | Halifax

Halifax’s housing market is sitting pretty in the green thanks to a boom in immigrants and refugees.

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. elevated the national risk rating to the highest level this week and placed several cities in the red and yellow risk zones.

Halifax, however, is green across all categories including overheating, price acceleration, overvaluation, and overbuilding.

Guillaume Neault, CMHC market analyst, said for the first half of year the city received 4,500 new Canadians. A whopping increase compared to 1,300 in the same period last year.

“This is three times as much,” he said. “In that you would have the Syrian families that came here in March.”

Plus, given tepid economies in other regions, more immigrants and refugees, as well as young people looking for work, are more likely to stay in Halifax. Neault said two or three years ago 2,000-3,000 people would leave the province a year, but so far this year it’s close to 400.

Even if they’re not buying homes, new Canadians are renting, which shrinks the vacancy rate and helps to stabilize the housing market.

“When those conditions coalesce, we see the impact on the housing market and for Halifax, this is the first year in three years we’ve seen more sales on the resale market, more new homes being built and a lot of construction activity.”



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School 'learned that lesson'

EDUCATION

Academy breaks ground, will focus on more than hockey



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

A multimillion-dollar sports school is coming to Dartmouth, but its CEO said they've learned to focus on more than just hockey so kids don't get "worn out."

Newbridge Academy staff and students held a ceremonial sod-turning with Mayor Mike Savage Thursday on the site of the future private school on John Savage Drive in Burnside, expected to open in September 2017.

"It's just been growing and growing ... we have about 321 students. Nine years ago we started with 28," said CEO Trevor MacEachern after the event.

MacEachern said although Newbridge began with a hockey mandate, and have an official Hockey Canada Sports School designation, it was when they opened up programming to include dance, golf, soccer and more about six years ago that enrollment took off.

The event came just days after Sport Nova Scotia launched their "Get More from Sport" campaign, which focuses on diversifying young kids in athletics.

Research has shown those



Mayor Mike Savage with students at Thursday's sod-turning announcement in Burnside. HALEY RYAN/METRO

who focus on one sport are at risk of repetitive injuries and burning out.

"I think that we've actually learned that lesson, starting with just hockey only and seeing that these kids are getting worn out. Let's diversify, let's add golf and soccer," MacEachern said.

About 70 per cent of the students now play more than one sport, MacEachern said, while even varsity hockey players golf a couple days a week in

"(This) will no doubt help to attract more bright and talented young people to our city."

Mayor Mike Savage

the winter and much more in the off season.

When the doors open next

fall, MacEachern said they will welcome about 500 kids since there has been so much interest in the planned JP-12 school.

It will have an indoor turf field for soccer, baseball and golf, a cafeteria/auditorium for performing arts, and a 7,000 square foot training space for ProEdge Sport Conditioning.

There will also be an athletic therapy clinic, and MacEachern said the public will be able to visit the clinic, ProEdge location, and rent

the turf anytime after school hours.

Since the school is directly across from the future four-pad, MacEachern said they'll be buying a lot of weekday ice time there as well.

Newbridge is currently split between two locations, with the original Sackville location housing elementary classes. For the past three years, high school students have gone to an East Hants site, which includes outdoor classrooms.

STRIKE

Province to 'minimize disruptions'



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

A letter to parents from the province following a vote in favour of a strike mandate from Nova Scotia teachers says that in the event of a job action, the province will try to minimize the effect on students. The members of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union voted 96 per cent in favour of job action on Tuesday.

A cooling period is in effect that will stall any strike or lock-out till Dec. 3.

"We understand that talk of any labour disruption can result in anxiety and concern for students and their families," reads the letter sent to parents on Thursday. "Should a job action occur, every effort will be made to minimize disruptions to your child's education."

The letter says the government is continuing to work with the NSTU "and is committed to addressing teacher working and student learning conditions."

Meanwhile, the NSTU is calling on the province to appoint a conciliation board to restart talks and keep teachers in the classroom. NSTU president Liette Doucet told Metro earlier this week that teachers are looking for at least cost of living wage increases, and more resources for students, including learning centres, resource teachers, and psychologists.

Parents Metro spoke to on Wednesday, along with 86 per cent of almost 3,000 readers polled online, were supportive of the teachers.

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With Halloween, Diwali, Flamenco Fest, and the Mooseheads facing off with the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles, there's plenty of action.

ZANE WOODFORD METRO

Get spooky with it 1

Halloween's Monday, but there's lots of scary stuff to do over the weekend. If haunted houses are your thing, there's: **The Oakwood Haunted House** in support of Autism NS at 40 Oakwood Ave. all weekend 6:30 to 9 p.m. and **Mount Saint Vincent haunted house** at Rosaria Student Centre 6 to 11 p.m. If cute and cuddly dogs and cats in costumes is more your speed, **4 Paws Veterinary Hospital** is holding its Halloween bash 11 a.m. Saturday. Saturday night, the Westin Nova Scotia is hosting a **Hallowe'en Masquerade Ball** — formal attire and masks required.



2 Rich Aucoin

"With surprises up his sleeve and special guests in tow," Rich Aucoin hosts the Marquee's Halloween "spooktacular" Saturday night at 10 p.m.

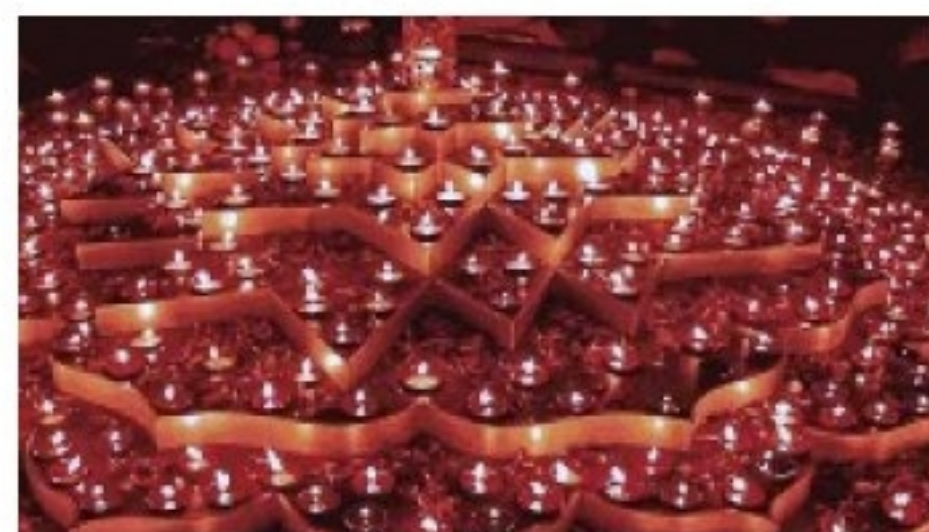
Aucoin — described on the event Facebook page as the city's "notorious party instigator" — is known for his high-energy, confetti-blasting live performances, and this one is a bargain at just \$10. Costumes are encouraged, but make sure you can take off your mask so security can make sure you're not actually Frankenstein's monster.



Diwali at Dalhousie 3

Completely unrelated to Halloween, the Indian holiday Diwali — the five-day festival of lights — kicks off this Sunday, and an event Saturday night at Dalhousie will ring it in. A Facebook page for the event says "the festival spiritually signifies the victory of light over darkness or good over evil, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair."

It's at the McInnes Room at Dalhousie at 5 p.m., with traditional Indian cuisine, performances and an after party.



4 Flamenco Fest

Put on your dancing shoes! The seven-day Atlantic Flamenco Festival starts on Saturday, celebrating everything flamenco: "passion, stomping feet, coiling wrists, swirling skirts, intricate guitar melodies and soulful song are the trademark."

The festival kicks off on Saturday at 7 p.m. with wine tasting at the George Wright house on Young Avenue, and on Sunday, there's a free introduction to flamenco event at Halifax Dance in the Maritime Centre at noon.

Mooseheads vs the Screaming Eagles 5

The battle of Nova Scotia is on twice this weekend as the Mooseheads play the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles in Sydney on Friday, then back at home at the Scotiabank Centre on Saturday at 7 p.m.

The Herd beat the Screaming Eagles in their first match-up of the year 6-4 at home, and will be looking to improve on their 7-7 record this season.



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Black 'taking it year by year'

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Gymnast sets sights on Montreal in coming year



Jen Taplin
For Metro | Halifax

Before aiming for any more Olympics, Halifax gymnast Ellie Black said she has her eye on the world championships next fall.

"They're being hosted in Montreal so that's a really exciting event for gymnastics in Canada to host a world championship," Black said.

Black, who made Canadian history with her fifth place finish in the all-around competition at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics this summer, said she's thrilled to compete internationally on home soil.

"I'm looking forward to that and just taking it year by year for now and seeing how my body is doing," she said. "I'm really excited for the future."

Several Nova Scotia Olympi-



Olympians Scott Lutes and Ellie Black present Premier Stephen McNeil and Tony Ince, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage, with a signed paddle and Olympic apparel during an event at Province House Thursday. JEN TAPLIN / METRO

ans, Paralympians and coaches were honoured at an event in the foyer of Province House, Thursday. Among them was Scott Lutes who won bronze in Paralympics, sonar sailing.

"It's great to have recognition

after the games to help us keep the buzz going about sport," he said. "For me this was icing on the cake and it's great to have success acknowledged."

Black and Lutes presented Premier Stephen McNeil with

Canadian Olympic gear and a red paddle signed by Nova Scotia's Olympians and Paralympians. McNeil handed the athletes and coaches certificates.

"We all were watching with great pride as you were in Rio

"To celebrate all the accomplishments we had this summer is very special and we're just all very proud to be from Nova Scotia."

Ellie Black

representing not just Nova Scotia but Canada," he said.

He congratulated Lutes and his fellow Nova Scotian teammate Paul Tingley with bringing home the province's sole medal from the games.

Black took to the podium to speak for the Olympians. She said coming home with a fifth place finish felt great, but inspiring kids was even better.

"To hopefully inspire younger athletes and kids across Nova Scotia and Canada to see that it doesn't matter where you come from if you have a dream, you have the support behind you and you work really hard you can achieve that," Black said.

ELECTION

Blackburn holds onto District 14



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

Lisa Blackburn is officially councillor-elect in District 14 after a recount on Thursday.

Middle/Upper Sackville-Beaver Bank-Lucasville incumbent Coun. Brad Johns requested a recount after official results showed Blackburn won by just 47 votes: 2,062 to 2,015.

Nova Scotia judiciary executive office spokesperson Jennifer Stairs told Metro on Thursday that a recount by Judge Dan MacRury in Dartmouth provincial court earlier in the day resulted in the exact same count, and the results were upheld.

Blackburn, along with incoming Halifax regional councillors not still facing a recount, will be sworn in on Nov. 1.

After a lengthy counting process, questions have been raised about the municipal election process, including polling stations, the counting of votes and information sent to voters.

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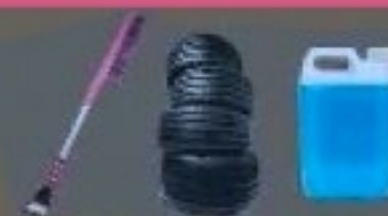
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Pair pleads guilty to brutal murder of single mother

Agreed statement of facts heard

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COURT

Two sentenced to life in prison for killing of Catie Miller



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

John Miller struggled to maintain his composure as he spoke to media Thursday outside the Halifax courtroom where his daughter's murderers were sentenced to life in prison.

Catie Miller, 29, was confined in the trunk of a car for hours before her brutal murder and dismemberment in a crime described by Justice Patrick Duncan as "cold and heinous."

Jason James Johnson and Kelly Amanda MacDonald pled guilty to second-degree murder and to interfering with human remains. Miller, a single mother, was murdered on July 15, 2014.

John Miller read from a prepared statement on behalf of the family, thanking everyone who helped them in their campaign to find Catie after she went missing.

"We do not know why this occurred. It was a senseless and horrific murder that should never have happened. Catie should not be dead. My grandson should have his mother," Miller said, his voice breaking.

"This is tragic beyond belief." As family and friends looked on, some fighting back tears and



Terry Miller holds pictures of her children Catie Miller and Christopher Miller as her husband Dr. John Miller, right, speaks to the media at Halifax Supreme Court after the sentencing of her daughter's killers. JEFF HARPER/METRO

others wiping tears from their faces, Miller said they were glad a PTSD service dog has been purchased for a first responder in his daughter's memory.

He also said some of Catie's remains were donated by the family to assist with training an RCMP cadaver dog.

"Today we feel a very small degree of relief as the case has come to this point and we look

forward to receiving what's left of Catie so we can finally lay her to rest," he said.

Although he acknowledged the family did want to know why the pair murdered his daughter, Miller said that wouldn't change anything.

"It's just senseless. It's gruesome. It's horrific. I don't like horror movies. If you go to a horror movie you can go home and say it was a movie," he told reporters. "This is forever. This is real."

During his sentencing, Justice Duncan described the brutality of the murder as stark.

"That some of this was happening while there was an infant in the car speaks to the complete lack of insight, to the viciousness, to the single-mindedness of your conduct that day," he told Johnson and MacDonald.

Catie's mother, Terry Miller, didn't speak outside the courtroom on Thursday but did provide a victim impact statement to the court before the sentencing.

"I must face a life where I will always grieve my daughter ... my dreams for her have vanished. I'm left with endless pain," she said.

"Evil visited our family... I'm



Kelly MacDonald; Jason James Johnson JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

continuously asking 'Why, why, why?'"

The family plans to have a private graveside ceremony for Catie sometime after her remains have been released.

In an agreed statement of facts read by Crown Attorney Robert Kennedy, the Nova Scotia Supreme Court heard that Jason Johnson was arrested on Nov. 22, 2014, out of mounting concerns that he would "follow through on fantasies to kill again."

The statement said that on July 15, 2014, Johnson beat Catie Miller with a tire iron and confined her in the trunk of his Pontiac Grand Prix.

He met Kelly MacDonald in Enfield, and with their child in the back seat, they drove to Lawrencetown, where they lived, as Miller awoke and screamed, "Jason, you don't have to do this!"

The court heard that MacDonald told Johnson to "finish her off."

At one point, he stopped and cut her throat with a hooked knife MacDonald had obtained. The prosecutor said when Miller continued to make noise in the trunk, MacDonald again urged her common-law partner to "finish it," and he opened the trunk and slit Miller's throat again.

The pair went to another residence in Sheet Harbour late that night, where tarps and tools were laid out on the lawn.

Johnson used an axe and hand saw to remove Miller's head and hands, "to prevent her identification through dental and fingerprint records," according to the agreed statement of facts.

The prosecutor said outside court that he couldn't comment on the possible motive for the original beating, other than to say that Johnson and Miller had a "prior domestic relationship," and that Johnson's assault on Miller started "on the side of a road" in Halifax on the same day as her murder.

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A floating dry dock at Halifax's Irving Shipyard in September 2013. The federal government is poised to fire the starting gun on the single largest military procurement competition in Canadian history: replacing the navy's warships. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Feds race the clock as project sets sail

COMPETITION

Gov't launches request for design of ships

The federal government is in a race against the clock when it comes to building new warships for the navy, with officials conceding Thursday there's little room left for further delays or hang ups in the multibillion-dollar project.

On Thursday, the government fired the starting gun on a long-anticipated competition that will determine what vessel will replace the navy's frigates and destroyers.

Twelve of the world's largest defence and shipbuilding companies have been given six months to submit their designs, with a winner expected to be

announced next summer.

Public Procurement Minister Judy Foote said that by asking for a pre-existing foreign design, rather than one made from scratch in Canada, the government hopes it can shave time and money off the project.

"It's important because we know that the navy really needs to have their warships replaced and we want to make sure that our men and women in our navy get the resources they need to do the jobs expected of them," Foote said.

The time aspect is particularly critical. The navy recently retired the last of its destroyers. That means fewer ships to patrol Canada's sprawling coasts and operate overseas, as well as a shortage of air-defence capabilities until the new vessels arrive.

The government also wants to begin work on the new warships

as soon as Irving Shipbuilding in Halifax finishes the last of five new Arctic patrol ships.

Officials say a gap between the two projects wouldn't just delay delivery of the vessels to the navy, it would also cost taxpayer dollars as workers and equipment sit idle, and material costs go up.

"Our focus is a continuous-build program because (a gap) is where you really see costs escalate in shipbuilding," said Lisa Campbell, the head of military and marine procurement at the Department of Public Procurement.

But Patrick Finn, the head of military procurement at the Department of National Defence, confirmed a gap has emerged and that the government doesn't have a lot of wiggle room for future delays. "There are some risks emerging that we need to deal with." THE CANADIAN PRESS

FIRST NATIONS

Christmas' senate appointment called a great day for Mi'kmaq

A former First Nation CEO says Daniel Christmas's appointment to the Senate makes this a great day for the Mi'kmaq community of Membertou.

Bernd Christmas is a long-time friend and colleague of one of Canada's new senators and says he was instrumental in transforming his home community from a First Nation on the brink of bankruptcy to one of the most successful in the country.

He says Daniel Christmas played a key role in the development of the once-impo-

verished Membertou from a First Nation with a 95 per cent unemployment rate in the late 1990s to a thriving community of roughly 1,400 people with its own schools, daycares, convention centre, market and ice rink.

Bernd Christmas describes Daniel Christmas as an honest, open and transparent man whose integrity and credibility means everything to him.

Daniel Christmas is one of nine new, non-partisan senators appointed today by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

They are the first senators

+ NOVA SCOTIA

Social worker and educator Wanda Thomas Bernard, the first African-Canadian to be promoted to full professor at Dalhousie University, was also named to the Senate.

to be chosen under an arm's-length process that saw more than 2,700 people apply to fill the 21 vacancies in the 105-seat upper house. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Too good' to be true

FRAUD

Sales of fake festival and concert tickets lead to arrest



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

A Halifax man is facing fraud charges after police say he scammed two people by promising concert tickets that never arrived.

According to a Halifax Regional Police release, two separate people paid for concert tickets online through a classified site, but never received the tickets.

In both instances, the complainants, who both live in other provinces, tried to purchase tickets for separate shows through an online advertisement.

Police spokeswoman Const. Dianne Woodworth said Thursday one person lived in Alberta and responded to an ad selling Coachella tickets (a festival in Palm Springs, California),

while the second person lived in Mississauga and was trying to buy Drake tickets.

Both people corresponded by e-mail with a person claiming that they had tickets for each event.

The seller and complainants agreed on a price, and then the complainants e-mail transferred the funds. Once the money was received, the seller stopped communicating with the complainants and the tickets were never received.

The complainants then contacted their local police agencies. Through the course of the investigations, it was determined that the seller of the fake tickets lived in Halifax.

Police were contacted by the other agencies, and took over the investigation.

On Tuesday, officers arrested 22-year-old Eric Joseph Dahr at a residence in the 2000 block of Barrington Street without incident.

Dahr was held in custody and appeared in Halifax provincial court on Wednesday facing charges of two counts of fraud under \$5,000, and two counts of possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000.



Drake performs on stage in Toronto. ARTHUR MOLA/INVISION/AP

RICHMOND COUNTY

Donations made at Liberal fundraiser looked at after audit

Nova Scotia's energy minister says questionable political donations under investigation by Elections Nova Scotia were made to the Liberal riding association in Richmond County.

Elections Nova Scotia will only say it is investigating after a forensic audit found instances of Richmond County councillors claiming reimbursement for expenses perceived to be political donations, but the elections watchdog isn't releasing any other details.

Energy Minister Michel Sam-

\$300

Money that was donated through Richmond County councillor's personal cheques.

son says the donations were made by Richmond County councillors at a Liberal fundraising dinner in his riding in May 2014.

Samson says the money involved, \$300 according to the audit, was donated through personal cheques by the individual councillors and that some had the "honest but mistaken" belief that they could seek reimbursement from the municipality when they couldn't under the Elections Act.

He says the issue is between the councillors and the municipality and it's not the responsibility of the Liberal party to reimburse taxpayers.

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Opposition Progressive Conservative leader Jamie Baillie says the Liberals should pay the money back because they know, as a result of the audit, that the contributions broke the rules regarding political donations.

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Sponsored refugees do better

IMMIGRATION

Study: 65 per cent of government-assisted refugees use food banks

Refugees sponsored by community groups do better than government-assisted ones with fewer relying on food banks and social assistance, an evaluation of Canada's much heralded resettlement program shows.

Some 65 per cent of government-assisted refugees reported using food banks, compared to only 29 per cent of their privately sponsored counterparts, according to the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada report released this week.

Five years after their arrival, 41 per cent of government-assisted refugees relied on social assistance, compared to just 28 per cent among those sponsored by private groups. While six out of 10 of the former were employed within five years, the rate went up to seven out of 10 for their privately sponsored peers.

The relative success of privately sponsored refugees is bolstered, in part, by the stability and guidance offered by relatives or sponsorship groups, advocates say.

Janet Dench, executive director of the Canadian Council for Refugees, said she was not surprised by the findings.

"Privately-sponsored refugees usually have family members in Canada for support and they are not selected for their vulnerability like the GARs (government-assisted refugees) are," she explained.

The internal review examined



The Ayash family from Syria arrive at the airport in Halifax on Monday. The family is sponsored by a community group in Lunenburg. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

all aspects of the refugee resettlement programs — government-assisted, private sponsorship, the blended-visa program, which is a blend of the two, and the resettlement assistance program — between 2010 and 2015, before Ottawa opened its doors to 31,000 Syrian refugees in December.

During the period, a total of 49,516 refugees were resettled in Canada, 53 per cent of them

under the government-assisted program, 46 per cent sponsored by private community groups and just 1 per cent under the blended-visa program.

Thirty-nine per cent of government-assisted refugees were children, compared to just 30 per cent among their privately-sponsored and blended counterparts.

While two out of five privately-sponsored refugees know

either English or French, the rate dropped to 26 per cent among the government-supported refugees. Those referred by visa posts under the blended program had the highest needs, with only 14 per cent speaking one of the two official languages.

Through interviews and analysis of data, the review found the level of the refugee assistance program's income support is inadequate, with more than

half of government-sponsored refugees saying the money did not cover their essential needs.

The majority of their income support goes to housing, leaving little for other basic necessities. While it took government-assisted refugees an average of 3.7 weeks to secure permanent housing, it took more than twice the time for private sponsorship groups to do so.

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POLITICS

Bi-partisan senators chosen

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has named nine new, non-partisan senators, bringing him within reach of his goal to transform the discredited Senate into a more reputable, independent chamber of sober second thought.

The five women and four men hail from a wide variety of backgrounds, from an art historian to a renowned human rights lawyer to a conservationist. All will sit as independents in the Senate.

They are the first senators to be chosen under an arm's-length process that saw more than 2,700 people apply to fill the 21 vacancies in the 105-seat upper house.

Trudeau is poised to announce two more batches of appointments within days, filling the remaining 12 empty seats — six from Quebec, six from Ontario — and, for the first time, putting senators with no partisan affiliation in the driver's seat.

When he's done, independent senators will hold a plurality of 44 seats, outnumbering the Conservatives' 40 and the independent Liberals' 21.

Trudeau called the appointment process "merit based and open."

"It is part of our ongoing efforts to make the Senate more modern and independent and ensure that its members have the depth of knowledge and experience to best serve Canadians," he said in a statement Thursday.

But while a premium is supposed to be put on merit, the new process does not preclude people who've been involved in partisan politics.

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RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Supreme Court to decide if stories can be shredded

The future of the often heart-rending stories told by survivors of Canada's residential schools will be decided by the country's top court.

The Supreme Court of Canada said Thursday it would hear the federal government's appeal of a decision that the highly personal accounts should be destroyed after 15 years — unless the individuals decide otherwise. The court also ruled Inuit representatives can take part in the case.

The federal government sought leave to appeal to the Supreme Court, arguing it controls the documents and that they are subject to legislation related to privacy, access to information, and archiving.



Claimants in the process must control the stories of their experiences. Chief Adjudicator Dan Shapiro

The documents at issue relate to compensation claims made by as many as 30,000 survivors of Indian residential schools — many disturbing accounts of sexual, physical and psychological abuse.

The compensation scheme — handled under an independent assessment process known as the IAP — flowed from the 2006 settlement of a class-action suit related to the notorious residential schools.

The government, along with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, argued

the survivor accounts are a critical part of Canadian history that should be preserved. However, the independent claims adjudicator maintained that claimants were promised confidentiality, and only they have the right to waive their privacy.

"Claimants in the independent assessment process must control the stories of their experiences at residential school," Chief Adjudicator Dan Shapiro said in a statement Thursday.

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Welcome to America the Cliché

Rosemary Westwood relocates from Canada to the United States in the midst of the most unusual presidential election ever. She chronicles her observations in a weekly column for Metro.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
From the U.S.

It couldn't have been a more clichéd start to a new life in the U.S.A.

At the Detroit border between the U.S. and Canada, waiting in a small grey room for my immigration paperwork to be processed while border officers rummaged through the U-Haul truck, there were the usual markers that you're in America now, baby: A large, framed photo of the president, a series of beefy, mostly white male guards in buzzcuts, an array of bald-eagle images, and a mostly non-white group of travellers chosen for extra scrutiny.

But also this: An alleged instance of racial profiling. A tense encounter between a black man, who was saying he'd been stopped for more questioning at the border 10 times in a row, and officers, who said the man was "resisting."

"That's what's wrong," one guard said, shaking his head. "It's happening all over the country. It's not disrespectful to obey the commands of an officer."

I heard voices and scuffles, and when the black man came out into the waiting area, his white hightops were undone. "They broke my watch," he told his girlfriend, slumping into a chair beside her.

Another white guard tried to smooth things over: "I just want to make sure you understand what this is about."

"Oh, I know what this is about," the black man said.

But I never saw how it ended. A guard processed my visa paperwork, and I was officially living in America, making my debut in the lattice-work criss-cross of southeastern Michigan's four-lane freeways.

Then came the second cliché. In the middle of the night, in a Dearborn, Mich. hotel, I heard gunshots. Pop-pop. Pop-pop-pop-pop. I shook my fiancé awake, terrified. There was



Robert Burck, known as the 'Naked Cowboy,' antagonizes protestors as they rally against Donald Trump during a 'Nasty Women Protest' outside of Trump Tower on Fifth Avenue in New York City. GETTY IMAGES

screaming, too many voices to count, and as they grew louder and closer I pushed both of us off the bed, dragging the blankets, to hide behind a wall. We waited. The sounds dimmed. There were no sirens.

The next morning, joking that I had "saved us," and skeptical that I'd heard what I thought I'd heard, I asked the front desk guy. He frowned.

"Yeah," he said. "Sorry."

"We haven't had a shooting for four years," he assured us. The night security guard had left the left the premises earlier in the evening, he said, because — what else — his sister had been shot. The shooting we'd heard occurred later, outside the hotel lobby. "They called the cops, but they never came." About that last

fact, he was apologetic but unsurprised.

And that began our three-day road trip through seven U.S. states, two of them battlegrounds between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump — Michigan, where polls show Clinton in the lead, and Ohio, closer to tied — and five of them redder than Trump in a rage: Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

At the Nashville BBQ joint where we ate our weight in smoked meat, the admonishments posted on the wall included "No swearing" and "God bless the South."

Driving through Alabama, one radio announcer boasted: "Tune in every morning for the latest news in the culture wars."

When we got to New Orleans, one neighbour had been keeping a lookout for the truck, and hurried over to help us unload. "All right, now?" he asked and smiled. "You made it."

+ FIRST LADIES

"Yes, Hillary Clinton is my friend": Michelle Obama

As first ladies they could hardly have been more different. But as Democrats looking to fire up women, Michelle Obama and Hillary Clinton were firmly bonded on Thursday.

In their first joint appearance on the campaign trail, Mrs. Obama and Secretary Clinton talked up their shared respect, common values and goals: Defeating Republican Donald Trump.

Since she's emerged as Clinton's headline-grabbing surrogate, people wonder one thing, Obama noted. "Yes, Hillary Clinton is my friend," she answered.

Obama said she "would not be here" if she didn't believe Clinton would be a president she could trust.

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IRAQ

Bomb factory found

Iraqi forces explored a network of tunnels and uncovered a bomb-making facility on Thursday in a village near Mosul that was recently retaken from Daesh, offering a glimpse of the challenge they will face as they move closer to the city.

During cleanup operations in the area of Tob Zawa, special forces Brig. Gen. Haider Fadhil's men found a tire shop that had been converted into a factory for making roadside bombs and attaching armour to vehicles.

They also found a tunnel equipped with fans and lights that ran from beneath a mosque out to a road. Iraqi forces have found extensive tunneling networks in areas retaken from Daesh, which the militants used to elude U.S.-led coalition warplanes.

Many fear Daesh may resort to more brutal tactics as the forces converge on the city, which is still home to more than a million people. The International Organization for Migration says around 9,000 people have fled so far. It's a relatively small number, but until now, the battles have taken place in farming communities that were abandoned. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



This frame grab from video provided by the Syrian Revolution Network shows children pulled by an adult after airstrikes killed over 20 people northern rebel-held village of Hass, Syria, on Wednesday. SYRIAN REVOLUTION NETWORK VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SYRIA

School attack may be a war crime: UN

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called on Thursday for an immediate investigation of an attack on a school in Syria's Idlib province that the UN's children's agency is calling one of the deadliest of its kind in the country's six-year war.

UNICEF raised its toll for Wednesday's attack to 28 dead, among them 22 children and six teachers.

Ban said in a statement that the attack, carried out against rebel-held territory, may amount to a war crime if found to be deliberate.

"If such horrific acts persist despite global outrage, it is largely because their authors, whether

in corridors of power or in insurgent redoubts, do not fear justice," he said.

Witnesses said overhead jets targeted the school in the town of Hass as many as 10 times, around midday Wednesday. Opposition activists blamed the strikes on Russian and government planes.

Idlib is the main Syrian opposition stronghold, though radical militant groups also have a large presence there. It has regularly been hit by Syrian and Russian warplanes as well as the U.S.-led coalition targeting Daesh militants.

The Russian military denied responsibility, calling the accusations a "sham." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A woman protests against international trade agreements TTIP and CETA in front of EU headquarters in Brussels Thursday. The Belgian government reached a deal to back a free trade deal between the European Union and Canada on the day the it was supposed to be officially signed with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. GEERT VANDEN WIJNGAERT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Belgium to sign Canada-EU pact

ECONOMY

Feds say more work lies ahead before the deal is approved

Belgium has agreed to sign on to the Canada-European Union trade deal after resolving internal differences over the pact that produced a week of high drama and delayed Thursday's planned signing ceremony.

After days of tension and last-minute negotiations, Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel confirmed Thursday morning that the impasse had been broken.

"Belgian agreement on #CETA. All parliaments are now able to approve by tomorrow at midnight. Important step for EU and Canada," he said on Twitter. Michel said the negotiations produced guarantees for farmers and on a

corporate dispute settlement system that will allow Belgium to back the deal, known as the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, or CETA.

With the fate of the pact in limbo late Wednesday, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and International Trade Minister Chrystia Freeland had already scrapped plans to fly to Brussels for Thursday's scheduled signing ceremony.

Now the latest changes must be ratified by 27 other nations in the European Union and Freeland's office cautioned that more work lies ahead.

"This is a positive development, but there is still work to do. There remain additional steps before signing," Alex Lawrence, press secretary to Freeland, said in a statement.

"Canada has done its job. We negotiated a progressive agreement that will create jobs and growth for the middle class. Canada remains ready to sign this important agree-

+ APPROVAL

■ Twenty-seven of the 28 nations had given the pact their required endorsement.

■ But Belgium had been the hold-out because of internal objections, largely raised by Wallonia, a French-speaking region of the country which has veto power.

ment when Europe is ready," he said.

Donald Tusk, president of the European Council, also praised the news but said he would only reach out to Trudeau once the pact was ready to sign.

"Only once all procedures are finalized for EU signing CETA, will I contact PM @JustinTrudeau," Tusk said on Twitter. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

ONLINE SHOPPING

Amazon cooking up online Turkey orders

Amazon wants Americans to order their turkey, stuffing and cranberry sauce online for U.S. Thanksgiving — its latest effort to make its Prime subscription service a central part of food shopping, much the way it's done for other consumer goods.

Right before the cooking-heavy months of November and December, Amazon rolled out a monthly payment option for its grocery delivery service, AmazonFresh. On Monday it expanded to several new cities

including Chicago and Dallas. Amazon — which has been working on expanding grocery delivery since 2007 — is taking aim at the \$650 billion grocery industry. It's a highly competitive arena filled with rivals like Wal-Mart and Instacart trying to lure customers away from traditional grocery stores.

Some reports suggest that Amazon plans to open grocery stores of its own, but the company has declined to comment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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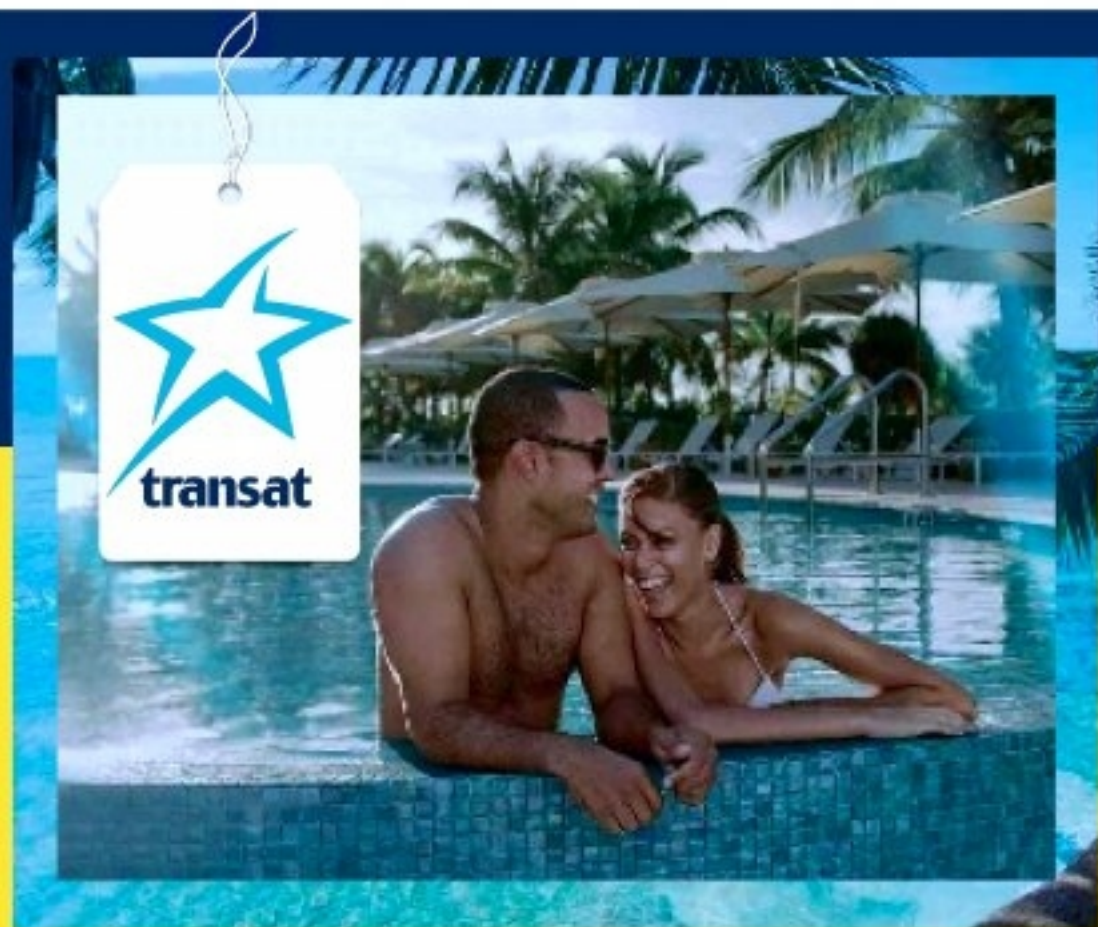
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Thanks to a prosthetic arm and brain-implemented sensors (really), a man who has been paralyzed for a decade regained feeling in his 'fingers'

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SEEING SOMETHING TOTALLY NEW

Aside from dusty old surgical samples, until this year no scientist had ever seen the early human development that takes place between approximately seven and 14 days after fertilization. The embryo is burrowed into the mother's body, hidden from view. **Now technology is letting us peer into the process, in real time, for the first time.**

WHAT WE LEARNED

Using stem cells donated by fertility clinics, two groups of scientists, one in the U.K. and one in the U.S., have grown human embryos for up to 12-13 days in the lab. (Usually, the embryo latches on to the mother around day seven). **Here's what surprised them most,** according to scientist Gist Croft, a member of the U.S. team.

1. Failure is **really** built into the process: about 80 per cent of embryos are not viable.
2. Early embryos are amazingly **self-organizing**. It was previously thought they required input (like hormone signals) from the mother to grow and arrange into a complex shape. But they do this all on their own.
3. Researchers discovered what they think is a **brand new cell type**, which they dubbed **yolk sac trophectoderm cells**. Even more crazy: Though scientists don't yet know exactly what they do, these cells seem to express genes from all three of the other main embryo cell types, meaning they could have an important role in future stem-cell science.

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sack

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cells

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Primitive endoderm
cells

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Primitive endoderm cells: Become the amniotic membranes
Trophectoderm cells: Become the placenta

Primitive yolk sac: A structure that nourishes the developing fetus
Yolk sac trophectoderm cells: A newly discovered cell type that lines the yolk sac

Blastocyst: What the less than one-millimetre embryo is called at this phase. After nine weeks, doctors start calling it a fetus

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MOONS OVER URANUS

Researchers re-analyzing 1986 data found odd, periodic disturbances in Uranus's rings that suggest the icy planet has two very small moons orbiting near its surface.

ZERO CREDIBILITY

Canadian Gaétan Dugas, the "Patient Zero" blamed for spreading HIV in North America, was no more responsible than hundreds of others who came down with AIDS in the early 1980s, a new study shows. But the myth persisted, in part, possibly, because in an early study, people misread the letter O (for "out-of-state"), as a zero.

SOUND SMART



DEFINITION
Gastrulation is a developmental process in complex animals (like us!) that happens when the embryo (at this point a hollow blob of cells) folds in on itself and reorganizes into three layers. These **germ layers** each give rise to a specific group of organs.

USE IT IN A SENTENCE

Biologist Lewis Wolpert once quipped, "It is not birth, marriage, or death, but **gastrulation**, which is truly the most important time in your life."

PHILOSOPHER CAT by Jason Logan

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CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

How far can we forecast weather?

I've heard it's going to be a really cold winter. How do we know that? - Luke, Halifax

I put your question to Greg West, a climate researcher at UBC.

Using satellite data, information about climate oscillations like El Niño and La Niña and arctic sea-ice extent, Environment Canada and the U.S. climate prediction centre can forecast whether the next three months will be above, below, or at normal temperatures with 50 to 70 per cent accuracy, West said. For

precipitation, it's zero to 40 per cent. It's a La Niña year here, so we can (probably) expect a cold, snowy winter counteracted in part by the long-term warming trend, West said.

"For day-to-day temperature forecasts, we're more skillful than a random guess out to about ten days," he said. "For precipitation, it's more like seven."

So, anyone who says they can make a specific forecast farther out than that either has information top meteorologists don't, or is full of it.

Predicting the future of chaotic systems is inherently a really hard thing to do, and climate change is making it even more complicated. Long-range forecasts are described relative to historical averages. But when the past 30 years have been nothing but superstorms, polar vortexes and sinking sea ice, averages don't tell you much.

Can we talk about those "farmer's almanac" type of publications for a minute? Some of them claim to have a "scientific" "secret formula" that can predict

the year's weather with 80 per cent accuracy.

Generally, scientists don't keep secrets. They publish their data and methods in detail. Whenever some company or person claims to have a tool that is both scientific and proprietary, it's good to stop and ask yourself whether their secrecy is protecting a legitimate commercial interest, or if it's just a cover for BS and bias.

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The fraught relationship of faith and film

Inferno, starring Tom Hanks, sidesteps the religious controversy with a tale of a deadly virus that threatens all of humanity, but the other Dan Brown films have made film and religion an uncomfortable pairing. CONTRIBUTED

INFERNO

Da Vinci Code franchise just latest member of controversy club

Richard Crouse

For Metro Canada



This weekend professor of religious iconology and symbology Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks) returns to theatres in *Inferno*, the third movie in the Da Vinci Code franchise.

In 2006, the fictional Harvard prof made his big screen debut, uncovering the complicated per-

sonal life of Jesus Christ in *The Da Vinci Code*. Three years later he used his knowledge of symbology to unravel the mystery of a secret brotherhood called the Illuminati and thwart a terrorist act against the Vatican.

In between those two movies I received dozens of outraged emails, long tracts regarding Dan Brown's books, the upcoming movie, *The Illuminati* and the veracity of the stories.

In response to the folks who contacted me, concerned the film, which had not been released yet, would be a dangerous piece of anti-Catholic propaganda, I wrote a forward to my *Angels and Demons* review, pointing letter writers toward the Vatican newspaper *L'Osservatore*

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Inferno
Moonlight
The Handmaiden
American Pastoral

★★
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★★

HOW RATING WORKS
★★★★ SEE IT
★★★ WORTHWHILE
★★ UP TO YOU
★ SKIP IT

Romano. They described *Angels and Demons* as "harmless entertainment which hardly affects the genius and mystery of Christianity."

Their review noted it is filled with historical inaccuracies but went on to suggest that one could make a game of pointing out all of the film's historical mistakes.

In other words, don't take it seriously and you'll have a good

time. Despite the Vatican newspaper's warm embrace, the film still ignited a firestorm of criticism from people upset about the story's alleged anti-Catholic sentiments.

Inferno sidesteps religious controversy with a tale of a deadly virus that threatens all of humanity, but cinema and religion have often made for uncomfortable pairings.

In 1999 the Catholic League denounced *Dogma's* tale of two fallen angels (Ben Affleck and Matt Damon) trying to get back into heaven as "blasphemy." More recently, uproar erupted over Darren Aronofsky's unorthodox take on the story of Noah. Jerry Johnson, president of the National Religious Broadcasters, loudly objected to the film's "insertion of the extremist environmental agenda."

Perhaps the most controversial religious film ever was *The Devils*, based on Aldous Huxley's nonfiction book *The Devils of Loudun*. Years before Ken Russell made the movie, a filmmaker approached Huxley wanting to turn the story of a radical 17th century French Catholic priest

accused of witchcraft and burned at the stake, into a film. Huxley said, "Don't do it."

He thought there was no way the story could be presented in an entertaining way without short-circuiting people's minds. Turns out maybe he was right.

Forty-five years after its release Russell's film is little seen but much talked about. Banned, censored and still unavailable in its complete form on Blu-Ray, the movie's graphic church orgy offended many — and was cut and removed by censors — but it's more than shock and titillation.

It's a film that makes a serious statement about the struggle between church and state but does so in an entertaining and provocative way.

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Top Halloween frights on Netflix

HORROR

Metro picks 10 of the scariest films available for streaming

Chris Alexander
For Metro Canada



'Tis the season to be scared! As Halloween approaches fright film fans both casual and hardcore go searching for horror and there's no better place than Netflix to find your screen screams.

This fall, the streaming service has amassed a pretty impressive wave of classic and contemporary genre films guaranteed to raise hackles and promote sleeplessness. Metro picks 10 of the most terrifying on the Netflix roster. How many of these fine flicks have you seen?

1. Jaws (1975) A perfect film about a perfectly rude great white shark and the brave souls who try to stop its reign of toothy terror. Steven Spielberg's breakthrough horror adventure just keeps getting better with age.

2. Re-Animator (1985) H.P. Lovecraft's tale of mad science and speaking severed heads becomes director Stuart Gordon's gory, erotic black comedy masterpiece. Plenty of zombie action and oodles of bad taste.

3. Sweeney Todd (2007) Tim Burton's blood-soaked adaptation of Steven Sondheim's cannibal barber musical just might



We Are What We Are is the horrifying tale of a cannibal family that find their secret existence threatened. CONTRIBUTED



Hush is a horror flick that will keep you on the edge of your seat. A deaf writer must fight for her life after a masked killer shows up at her window. CONTRIBUTED

be the director's best film. It's certainly his goriest and the cast — including Johnny Depp and the late Alan Rickman — is truly mesmerizing.

4. The Babadook (2014) Parents at the end of their ropes will get an extra shiver from this tale of a stressed out single mom under siege from a black



This 1973 British horror film, **Legend of Hell House**, follows a group of researchers who spend a week in a haunted mansion. CONTRIBUTED

hearted boogeyman. Chilling stuff.

5. We Are What We Are (2013) The American remake of the ac-

claimed Mexican indie shocker is even better; a dark, bloody tale of a murderous cannibal clan who are falling apart. Artfully made and truly terrifying.

6. The Fury (1978) Brian De Palma's outrageous horror thriller pits psychics against each other with explosive results. Worth it for the crazed final shot alone and a great macho performance by Kirk Douglas.

7. Hush (2015) One of the greatest home invasion horror films ever made helmed by one of the greatest modern horror directors, Mike Flanagan, whose *Ouija: Origin of Evil* is currently haunting theaters. A simple, smart and stylish shocker.

8. Hellbound: Hellraiser II (1988) This atmospheric and wildly gory sequel to Clive Barker's 1987 sex and death classic is arguably even better than the first instalment, with incredible make-up FX, surreal sequences and a majestic Christopher Young score.

9. The Legend of Hell House (1973) Moody and intelligent adaption of Richard Matheson's chilling novel *Hell House* is rightfully regarded as one of the best haunted house films of all time. If you're looking for maximum fright, watch it all alone with the lights off.

10. The Fly (1958) The original sci-fi/horror classic is in essence a tragedy, with a scientist fighting a losing battle with his humanity after a botched experiment leaves him with the head of an insect. An early Vincent Price horror role and a fine — often bloody — chiller that still works today.



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Moonlight marks new phase for Harris

ON SCREEN

British actress talks career, women in film, new indie flick

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada



She may have starred in the Pirates of the Caribbean franchise and played Moneypenny in the past two James Bond blockbusters, but it's a small indie flick that's getting Naomie Harris truly excited.

"This movie is so beautiful and I love the way it's touching people," said the English actress about her latest feature *Moonlight*. "People are saying that they're looking at life in new ways; it's very rare that you get a movie that touches people as deeply as this."

Since premiering at the Toronto International Film Festival, the Barry Jenkins-directed drama following a youth trying to navigate adolescence in the slums of Miami has been winning critics and building



Naomie Harris has generated critical acclaim and Oscar buzz for her portrayal of a single mom in her latest feature, which follows a youth trying to navigate adolescence in the slums of Miami. CONTRIBUTED

Oscar buzz for Harris's portrayal of the protagonist's strung-out single mom.

"What I always look for is an amazing script that (when) I read it, it moves me as Moon-

light did," said Harris about playing the maternal crack-addict. "(I like) a character that scares me because I always like to do something completely different and be challenged."

Harris largely credits soph-



It's very rare that you get a movie that touches people as deeply as this. Naomie Harris

TOP ROLES

Moneypenny: In *Spectre* and *Skyfall*, Harris took on the renowned part of the MI6 secretary with a distinct romantic magnetism to James Bond.

Tia Dalma: A voodoo queen with magical powers, Harris starred opposite Johnny Depp's

Jack Sparrow in a pair of *Pirates of the Caribbean* pictures.

Winnie Madikizela-Mandela: Harris portrayed the controversial wife of anti-apartheid-advocate Nelson Mandela in this 2013 award-winning biopic.

omore auteur Jenkins for guiding her through such a tumultuous part — especially one she filmed during a three-day break from promoting *Spectre*. However, even more than his direction, the actress insists Jenkins's sensitive script was what really stood out.

"Hollywood has an issue for writing for women in general," said Harris, adding that a profession dominated by dudes often means an understated female perspective. However, the 40-year-old Harris is also happy to report opportunities are improving with age. "Things are always getting better and I certainly

feel like I have a better quality of scripts than I ever had before."

With a filmography that stretches back to the '80s, Harris is also impressively zen when it comes to reminiscing about a storied career that includes playing everything from a voodoo witch to Winnie Mandela.

"You do the very best you can and you hope people will go and see it but I always think the right movie finds the right person at the right time," stated Harris, before making one concluding addendum. "But I do believe everybody should go see *Moonlight*."

INTERVIEW

Hanks finds parallels in *Inferno's* burning issues

Embedded within the manic action of *Inferno*, the latest big-screen adaptation of a Dan Brown thriller, is a warning about the dangers of seeking simple solutions to complex problems. Star Tom Hanks says it's a theme with echoes in the current U.S. presidential race.

Inferno sets Hanks' polymathic professor Robert Langdon on the trail of a deadly plague concocted by billionaire scientist Bertrand Zobrist (Ben Foster) out of a sort of warped humanitarianism: He plans to end war, poverty and famine by wiping out half the world's population.

Hanks says the belief that there's a "one-step answer to all problems" is alarmingly relevant.

"Down through history there's been an awful lot of people who say: Here's what the problem is, here's what it was caused by, and all you have to do is my suggestion, there's an easy way in order to make it go away," Hanks said.

"It's very simplistic, it's very reactionary. It's almost like a fundamental embracing of a brand of ignorance," he



Tom Hanks and Felicity Jones. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

added. "But I think it's part of the political discourse."

Hanks clearly has the contest between Trump and Clinton in mind. America, he says, needs "vision and leadership and scope, as opposed to one-stop shopping fixes all."

"I'm not a political activist, nor am I a political animal, but I will say: Look, I'm going to vote for her, because I think this is a marathon in order to solve not just the most obvious problems, but the ones that are coming down the pipe."

Political discussion over, Hanks happily reverts to talking about Dan Brown's mega-

successful mix of medieval conspiracies and modern-day skulduggery.

In his third screen outing as Langdon, Hanks is sent on a high-stakes treasure hunt centred around the life and works of Dante Alighieri, whose *Divine Comedy* created a teeming vision of hell that has influenced artists and writers for 700 years.

He's joined by Felicity Jones' brainy medic Dr. Sienna Brooks as ally and intellectual sparring partner.

Hanks, who played Langdon in *The Da Vinci Code* and *Angels & Demons* — both directed by Ron Howard, as is *Inferno* — says he still finds pleasure in making the border-hopping thrillers. *Inferno* scurries from Florence to Venice to Istanbul, wreaking havoc in some of the world's most beautiful historic buildings.

For the viewer, the movie offers the pleasures of a good old-fashioned caper — Hanks likens it to a scavenger hunt — in which the characters must decipher a string of clues in a race against time.

Inferno opens in theatres on Friday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Cranston relishes breaking it down

INTERVIEW

Actor's memoir confronts fears, reveals the DNA that drives him

Bryan Cranston seems so far apart from the murderous Walter White that one wonders how he was able to channel such darkness with Emmy-worthy ferocity in *Breaking Bad*.

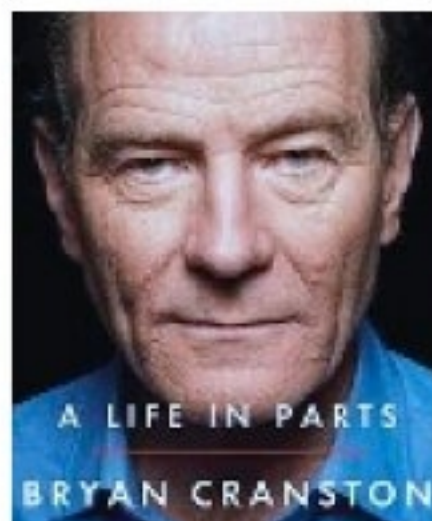
But in his new memoir, *A Life in Parts*, Cranston details a real-life incident that helped him get in character: an unhinged ex-girlfriend who threatened his life and made him have violent thoughts about her.

"She threatened my life. She threatened to kill me and it was a constant thing and there were times when I thought I was going crazy," Cranston said of the woman (later he married actress Robin Dearden and they've been together 27 years).

It's one of the more revelatory moments in the book, released earlier this month. The Emmy-winning, Oscar-nominated Cranston covers everything from his early childhood to his signature role on *Breaking Bad* to personal challenges. Cranston, 60, discussed some of those moments in a recent interview.

You write about wanting to kill your ex-girlfriend, what drove you to that?

I was flush with fear and I felt like a trapped animal and I realized that I was capable of killing someone. That experi-



ence helped me in developing Walter White in the transition that he made, because Walter had to come to terms with that himself. That he was actually a good guy, but transitioning into not such a good guy ... he was able to be honest with himself and say, "Yeah I could take another life," and that is a tough thing to say to the person in the mirror.

What made you want to write a book at this point of your career?

I am aware from an objective point that the wave, the tsunami wave that *Breaking Bad* created also created tremendous opportunity for me, and there is a peak and valley to careers and that includes fame. If you are lucky to ride this wave of fame to a plateau — it won't last there. I guess it is just a blue-collar work ethic that I was raised with.

In the book you talk about your dad being dissatisfied as an actor. Why follow in his

footsteps?

It was in my DNA, and they were actors — my parents were both actors — so that was part of it. So really when you think about it in that sense, you're going into the family business, so it's very common. The turmoil that my dad went through, and then by extension, the kids went through, was profound and disastrous for the marriage, for the family.

In season two of *Breaking Bad*, Walter watches Jesse Pinkman's girlfriend die. Why did Jane's death affect you?

I had this transformative experience that is almost hallucinogenic that — that I saw the face of my real daughter, Taylor. Her face took the place of Krysten Ritter and it made me, uh, just you know, hesitate. And God it is funny — every time I retell this story or when I wrote that story in the book, there is an uneasiness in my chest 'cause I think it is my biggest fear. It is my biggest fear, something happening to a child, your child, is unfathomable.

How long do you plan on working?

When the sun is shining, make hay, because it would be sunset on my career at some point, and when it is, I want to be exhausted. I want to be done, and actually, go "I had a good run. No regrets. I'm ready to step aside." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Bryan Cranston says his blue-collar ethic drives him to make the most of success. CONTRIBUTED

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On the trail of ghosts in NY State

HALLOWEEN

Spooky spots reveal ghost hunting is just like fishing

Jennifer Bain
Torstar News Service

Casper Cop chucks coins across the darkened Treasureland arcade at the Sylvan Beach Amusement Park and lets them ricochet on the ancient wooden floor.

"It's James. I've got a friend here who'd like to meet you. I've got recorders going. You gonna do something for us? We'd really love to meet you."

Casper Cop is private investigator James Pendell by profession and ghost hunter by passion. He has a seasonal gig leading the Park After Dark Ghost Tours.

"I've got a penny," Pendell says cajolingly to the darkness. "Will you throw it back to me? Where's my little girl?"

A prankster spirit child sometimes tosses the coins back or jingles them. She's one of the many ghosts said to roam this paranormal paradise in a vintage amusement park.

Pendell's tours start just as the park is closing and continue when he has the place to himself for several spooky hours, making for a "high freakout factor."

He has earned one of 65 spots on the Haunted History Trail of New York State, which



The Sylvan Beach Amusement Park is among the haunted haunts you can visit. SYLVAN BEACH AMUSEMENT PARK

launched three years ago and keeps adding places such as creepy inns, parks, theatres, museums, restaurants and cemeteries, offering ghost stories, tours and hunts.

Ghost hunters use Maglites (a type of flashlight), cameras, dowsing rods, video recorders, audio records, electronic voice phenomena recorders and other tools to communicate with the spirit world.

You don't have to be a true believer to be captivated by the haunted trail.

Fans of shows like Ghost Hunters, Ghost Adventures, Haunted Collector and Scariest Places on Earth are drawn to it.

So are the merely "paranormal curious."

"Could you do something for us today?" Pendell pleads with his prankster spirit. "I've got a penny. Will you throw it back to me?"

Not tonight. We hunt in other dark, empty buildings, inviting the spirits to play knocking games, mess with salt and pepper shakers, and manipulate flashlights, but nobody wants to play.

"People say when I die I'm going to haunt this place, and I say I just might — the legend of Casper Cop." (Note: The park has just decided to put its ghost hunts on hold, so look for Pen-

dell through his website.)

Ghost hunting is often likened to fishing. Sometimes the fish bite like mad and sometimes they don't, but fishing is so pleasurable it hardly matters.

I spent three days driving New York's haunted trail, visited 12 spots, met countless characters, such as Pendell, and embarked on five ghost hunts. Did I see, hear, feel or photograph a ghost? Not definitively.

At the Historic Palmyra Wm. Phelps General Store/Palmyra Museum, executive director Bonnie Hays tries to communicate with a girl named Holly who died in a fire with her mom and five siblings.

We sit in the parlour where Holly likes to hide under a table with a basket of toys, but she pretty much ignores our overtures. Eventually someone else seems to reach out via the Maglite we set out.

With these small flashlights, you rotate the heads until they illuminate, twist them back to the barely off position and put them on a flat surface. Ask yes or no questions and the spirits just might answer by flashing the lights.

At the Naples Hotel in the

Finger Lakes, innkeeper Dominick Gallo also favours the Maglite approach.

"I know you're here. Could you please give us a sign? Turn on one of the flashlights. Please don't skunk me tonight." (Getting skunked is a fishing term for when you don't catch anything.)

Gallo instructs us to take pictures, especially in the corners of haunted guest rooms, and look at them later to see if we caught any orbs, figures or faces. We didn't. But the spirits do finally respond when we settle in Gallo's office.

"If you're a male spirit, can you please turn the flashlight on for me?" Gallo pleads.

Nothing.

"If you're a female spirit, please turn the flashlight on for me?"

Nothing.

"If this is the kids, can you please turn the flashlight on? Touch somebody? Give another sign you're here."

Nothing.

"Are you bothered? If we're bothering you, please turn the flashlight on."

The light flashes.

He interprets the subsequent erratic series of flashlight bursts as meaning two spirits, one strong and one weak, are taking turns communicating.

Jennifer Bain was hosted by the Haunted History Trail of New York State and its partners, none of which reviewed or approved this story.

IF YOU GO
The Haunted History Trail of New York State (hauntedhistorytrail.com) boasts 65 stops across 13 counties in New York state.

DESTINATIONS

Canada tops Lonely Planet's must-visits

Canada has been named Lonely Planet's destination of the year for 2017. Colombia and Finland were rated second and third respectively in Lonely Planet's Best in Travel 2017 guide, hitting bookstores Tuesday.

Reasons cited to visit Canada were next year's "elongated birthday party," with the country celebrating 150 years since Confederation, and a weak Canadian dollar pushing down prices, giving visitors

"plenty of pocket money to spend on Canada's exciting fusion food and mysteriously underrated wine."

On Canada Day, the guide tells visitors to "expect 2017's parades, ceremonies and parties to be particularly memorable."

Lonely Planet says the top three regions to visit in 2017 are Choquequirao, Peru; Taranaki, New Zealand; and Azores, Portugal.

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Canada (1st), Colombia (2nd) and Finland (3rd) are Lonely Planet's top destinations for 2017. ISTOCK IMAGES



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Built in 1914, Wrigley Field was first known as Weeghman Park and the Cubs began playing there in 1916. The World Series shifts to Wrigley this weekend.

IN BRIEF

Ducks sign D-liner Lindholm

The Anaheim Ducks have signed holdout defenceman Hampus Lindholm to a six-year, \$31.5 million contract.

The Ducks announced the end of the stalemate Thursday. The 22-year-old Lindholm is arguably the Ducks' top young defenceman, scoring 92 points in 236 games over the past three seasons while honing his two-way game. The Swede missed the Ducks' first eight games while holding out as a restricted free agent.

He has been working out daily at home with a Swedish Elite League team.

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Medal upgrade on cards for Canuck weightlifter Girard

Christine Girard will soon be receiving an Olympic medal upgrade after her Kazakh competitor's gold is stripped. The 31-year-old Girard, who grew up in Rouyn-Noranda, Que., now coaches weightlifters in the Vancouver area.

She remains in suspense about not only possibly moving up two steps up to gold from London, but also if she'll be awarded a belated bronze from Beijing, where Girard was fourth. "Now I know it's for sure silver. I feel like it's a good step forward, but it's still not done," she said.

Girard's bronze in London was the first Olympic weightlifting medal won by a Canadian woman.

Flashing red lights on rise thanks to young guns

NHL

Goals per game up as teens take advantage of World Cup form

Just because Wayne Gretzky laced up his skates in an alumni game over the weekend doesn't mean the NHL is back to the 1980s. It just feels like it.

Goals are coming fast and furious through the first two weeks of the season, with scoring at a pace that hasn't been seen in over a decade. Players are scoring an average of 5.98 goals a game, a far cry from the offence-happy days of Gretzky but an increase so far from every other year since 2005-06 when new rules were designed to boost scoring.

An influx of young players, the preseason World Cup of Hockey and more backup goaltenders playing because of injuries have kept red lights flashing around the league.

"Overall, the game is going younger, faster, more skill, so I think everything kind of combines and goes into it," Arizona Coyotes winger Radim Vrbata said. "I think the penalties are called more now than late in the season last year. That's normal, so you probably have more power-play goals. And you have all the guys who played at the



Leafs rookie Auston Matthews entered Thursday's action tied for the league lead in goals with six. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

5.98

The average number of goals per game this season, up from 5.3 which has been the average over the last five years.

World Cup, they're in their midseason form already where normally it would take them a couple games to get going."

The NHL, hoping to keep its fans entertained, has tried many things to get scoring up,

from shrinking goaltending equipment to adopting 3-on-3 overtime. Yet goals have hovered around 5.3 per game over the past five years.

The jump early this season has as much to do with young talent like Edmonton Oilers captain Connor McDavid and Toronto Maple Leafs rookie Auston Matthews as anything else. McDavid and Matthews lead a wave of 16 teenagers in the NHL right now, players who dazzle with flashy moves and who sometimes aren't afraid to take a risk and maybe turn the puck over. As hockey

trends more toward speed and skill, the game becomes more unpredictable and coaches gain more grey hair.

"You have more skill players in the league, too, so they're not as conscious with puck management," Washington Capitals coach Barry Trotz said. "You talk to the coaches probably around the league that might be as much as anything, and (players are) finding the back of the net on those."

Eight of the top nine scorers so far this season played in the World Cup, and surprise stand-out Richard Panik benefited from so many Chicago Blackhawks players being away by making the most of extra ice time in preseason. The Blackhawks are also doing their part to contribute to the goal fest by allowing a league-high 14 of the 138 power-play goals scored through Wednesday.

Carolina Hurricanes coach Bill Peters thinks power-play units are ahead of penalty kills and that five-on-five play is "looser" than usual.

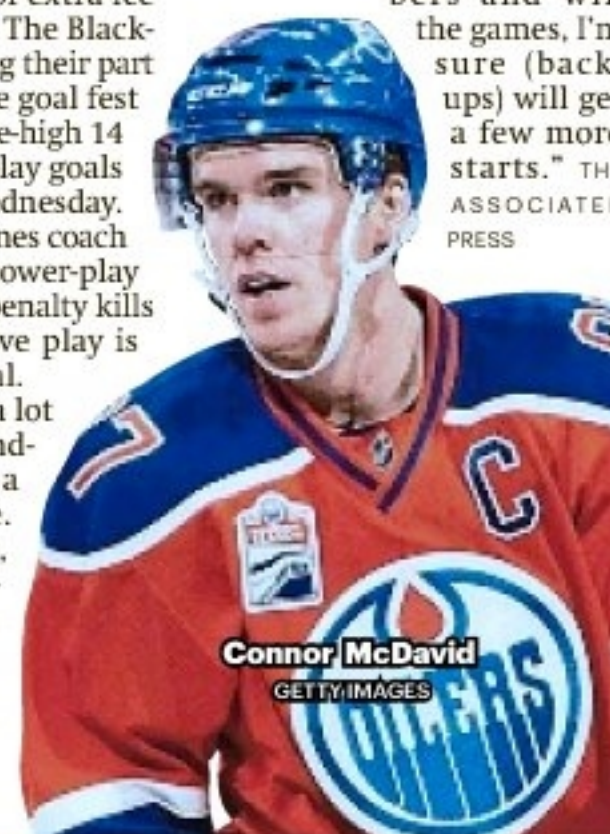
Loose play plus a lot of backup goaltenders in the nets is a recipe for offence. Through 97 games, 61 different goalies have started at least once, compared with 85 in 1,230 games last season.

That's in part a

product of injuries to starters like the Los Angeles Kings' Jonathan Quick, Boston Bruins' Tuukka Rask and Arizona's Mike Smith and also the compressed schedule forced because of the World Cup. Each team will have a five-day "bye week" in January or February.

"I'm sure because we have a lot of back-to-backs and we have the bye week — the games are probably compressed a little bit more together than it's been in the last (few) years," Capitals backup goalie Philipp Grubauer said. "If you're good and play good and get the right numbers and win

the games, I'm sure (back-ups) will get a few more starts." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Josh Tomlin pitched Cleveland to a 2-1 victory over the Blue Jays in Game 2 of the American League Championship Series. JASON MILLER/GETTY IMAGES

Father-son dream comes to fruition

WORLD SERIES

Tomlin's dad to watch his son pitch in spite of medical scare

While his dad sat on a bucket in their backyard catching, little Josh Tomlin pretended he was pitching in the World Series.

He's about to do it for real. And his dad, Jerry, recently paralyzed from the chest down following a medical scare that threatened his life, will be there in Chicago watching.

"It will mean everything," said Tomlin, who will start Game 3 at Wrigley Field. "We've talked about this, shoot, since I was three or four years old. I can

remember having conversations with him — 'Bases loaded, full count, bottom of the ninth, so and so is up to bat. What are you going to throw him?'

"Let's go fastball' and I'd throw a fastball and on strike three we'd jump up and throw our gloves and stuff like that. It was cool to be able to look back and think, man, I was doing that when I was four years old and now I'm actually going to live it and he's actually going to get to see it."

"That's pretty special to me and something I'll never forget for the rest of my life."

In August, Jerry Tomlin, 57, was rushed into surgery in White-

house, Texas, after he was diagnosed with arteriovenous malfunction, a condition that affects blood circulation near the spine.

The procedure saved Jerry's life, but it has left him in a wheelchair with a long, difficult road to recovery ahead. It's not known if he'll walk again.

After spending nearly two months in a rehab facility in Dallas, he was released last week — on Josh's 32nd birthday. Jerry watched from his living room as the Indians clinched their first AL pennant since 2007.

The Tomlins are incredibly close, their bond strengthened by their love of baseball.

"I talk to him every single

day, him and my mom both," Tomlin said. "I've got a great relationship with them. They've been a huge part of my life and a huge part of my success in the big leagues."

Tomlin stepped up after the Indians lost starters Danny Salazar and Carlos Carrasco to injuries in September. His team needed him and Tomlin came through, delivering the way his dad taught him.

"If you did things the right way and always gave 100 percent, he was in your corner," Tomlin said.

Jerry Tomlin will be there again when his son pitches on baseball's biggest stage, the one they played on before.

"I'm just looking forward to seeing him," Tomlin said.

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Tomlin's ERA this post-season. He is 2-0 with a WHIP of 0.94 in two starts.

CANADIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

\$37M more invested into Own the Podium

The Canadian Olympic Committee said Thursday it is renewing its commitment to high-performance sport by investing \$37 million in funding over the next four years through the Own the Podium program.

The funding amount is consistent with the amount the COC invested in the previous quadrennial.

Canada won 22 medals last summer at the Rio Olympics: four gold, three silver and 15 bronze.

"We've made some investments along the way and as we heard today and as we've seen first-hand in Rio, those investments are working," COC chief executive officer Chris Overholt said. "But the competitive landscape just continues to go up so we've got to keep our focus on maximizing our investment in sport."

The COC also announced it will commit \$16 million in new funding for the growth and development of the next generation of Olympians, an amount



Chris Overholt
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The 2018 Winter Olympics will be held in Pyeongchang, South Korea. Tokyo will host the next Summer Games in 2020.

that will be matched by the federal government.

As part of the new model, the COC will invest \$5 million into a new coaching enhancement program and another \$5 million to strengthen the capacity and resources of the country's national sport federations.

"This coaching enhancement program actually provides us with an avenue to keep coaches in Canada, build them, recruit new ones into Canada and then keep them in the system," said Coaching Association of Canada CEO Lorraine Lafreniere.

Also included in the new funding plans are \$1 million for Game Plan, a program designed to ease the athletes' transition into the workforce after they retire from competition, and \$2 million for the Canadian Olympic and Paralympic Sport Institute Network.

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NFL IN BRIEF

Norman, Reed cleared to join Redskins in London

Washington Redskins cornerback Josh Norman and tight end Jordan Reed have been cleared to fly with the team to London for its game against the Cincinnati Bengals after dealing with concussions.

Redskins coach Jay Gruden said it's still not been determined whether either Norman or Reed will be able to play on Sunday.

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Broncos' Anderson lined up for surgery on knee

A person with knowledge of the situation tells The Associated Press that Denver Broncos running back C.J. Anderson was to undergo arthroscopic surgery on his right knee Thursday and that the extent of the damage will determine how long he's out.

Anderson was injured Monday night against Houston but finished with 107 rushing yards.

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Steve Hauschka of the Seahawks missed a potential game-winning field goal in the dying seconds of overtime against the Cardinals last Sunday. NORM HALL/GETTY IMAGES

NFL

Differing styles in dealing with kickers' psyches

The aftermath of the first NFL tie since 2014 became a study in the delicate psyche of kickers, and how they are handled by their coaches.

Last Sunday's 6-6 tie between Seattle and Arizona was remarkable from many aspects. One of the lasting memories were the reactions from Arizona coach Bruce Arians and Seattle coach Pete Carroll to a pair of short missed field goals in overtime that could have won the game for either team.

Arizona's Chandler Catanzaro had a 24-yard field goal clang off the left upright, and minutes

later Seattle's Steve Hauschka pulled a 28-yard attempt wide left. Then came the reactions, and a study in how two coaches seeking the same goal took differing tones. Arians was gruff, Carroll was supportive.

Arians on Catanzaro: "Make it. This is professional, this ain't high school, baby. You get paid to make it."

Carroll on Hauschka: "He made his kicks to give us a

chance, and unfortunately he didn't make the last one. He's been making kicks for years around here ... but he's gonna hit a lot of winners as we go down the road here. I love him and he's our guy."

Two divergent reactions, all with the same goal of getting their kickers to

be better.

"It means a lot to me," Hauschka said this week. "Coach is incredible. He is the reason

“

Those are two great kickers, and they'll be fine.

Vikings kicker Blair Walsh

that this team is so good and why this whole atmosphere up here in Seattle is so positive. And it all starts with him. I couldn't ask for a better head coach."

Catanzaro, however, was already drawing the ire of his head coach before the OT miss. A bad snap led to his missed field goal that would have beaten New England in the season opener.

And while Arians said he still fully supports Catanzaro, he expressed it in an acerbic way.

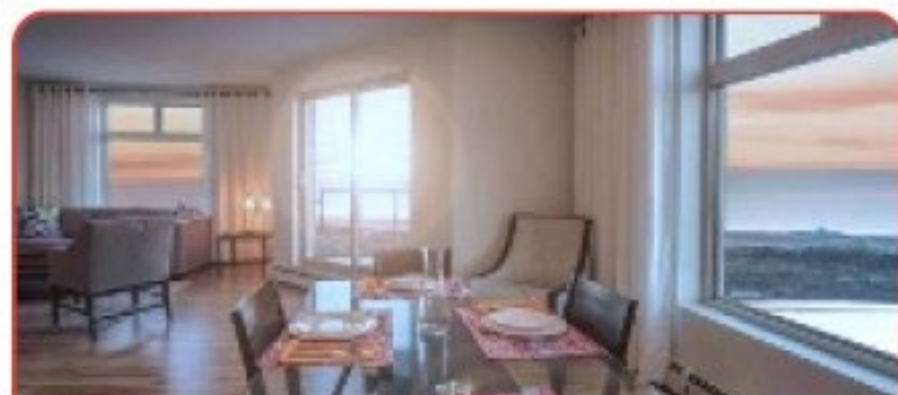
"The kicker just needs to kick it through the two poles and we'd be 5-2," he said.

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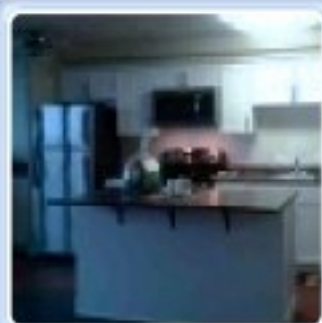
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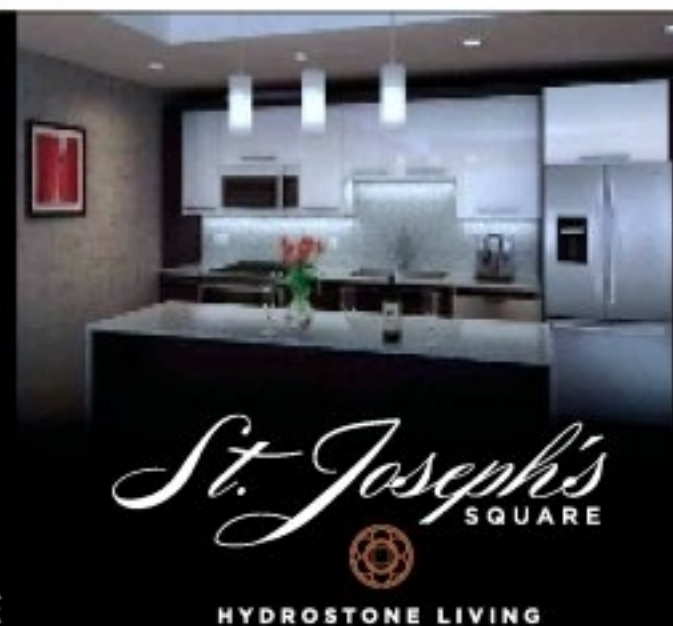
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1. Preheat a skillet over medium heat with a drizzle of olive oil.

2. Butter one side of each slice of bread. Place pieces of bread butter side down on a clean surface or cutting board. In a small bowl, mix ricotta with basil pieces. Spread one slice of bread with about a tablespoon of ricotta. Place one slice of mozzarella on ricotta cheese. Now place a layer of 8 to 10 pieces of pepperoni down. Lay a slice of fontina on other slice of bread. Close sandwich and place in skillet.

3. Grill until lightly browned and then flip over; continue grilling until cheese is melted and gooey. Repeat for second sandwich.

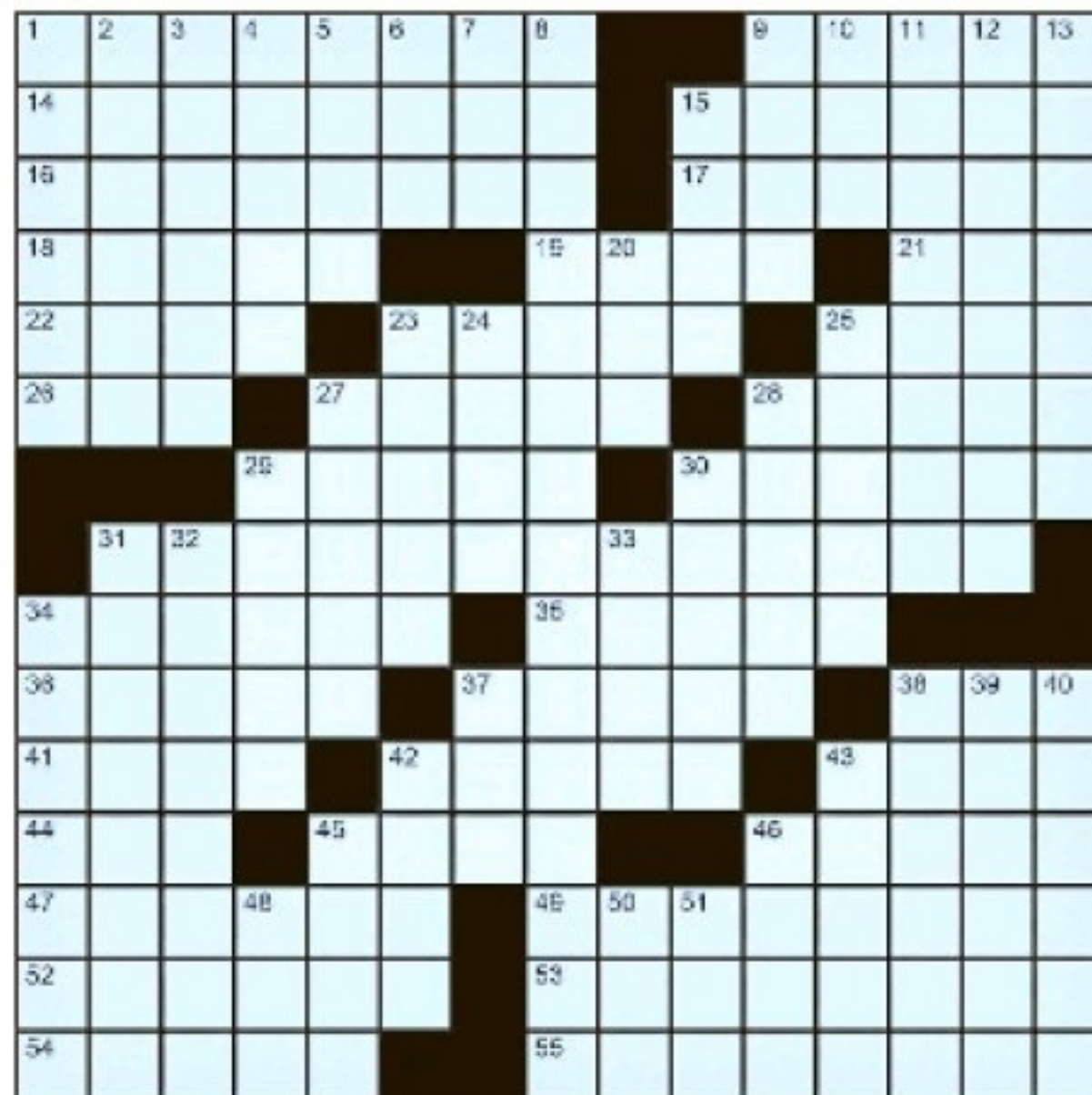
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ACROSS

- Oboe
- Devilish dude
- Super happy
- Epoch when ancestors of the modern horse appeared
- In __ (Without being present, Latin-style)
- Really is reluctant
- Church members
- American astronaut Sally
- Soak flax
- Scandinavian tale
- The way a fox would do something
- Compete in a logrolling event
- Ms. Wallace of "Cujo" (1983)
- Duck's doctor?
- Jumpy
- TV feed's sound
- __ peanuts
- Joe Flaherty starred as Dr. Fred Edison on what early 1990s Sci-Fi comedy series?: 2 wds.
- Ontario's Trent-__ Waterway
- Furious
- Arctic boat
- Suffix to 'Land'
- Seasonal bug
- Shakespeare King
- Owed obligations
- Capital of Valais, in Switzerland
- Mountain explosive, commonly
- Swanky transport
- Some kicks of the football



- Repents
- Facing
- "There's time still": 2 wds.
- 1883's history-making volcano of Indonesia
- Supporting coaches, for short
- Most tranquil

DOWN

- Went from unwell to well
- Song of dawn
- 1980 Diana Ross chart-topper: " __ Down"
- Greek alphabet's 8th letter
- Skeleton's characteristic

- Smidgeon of lunch
- Installment in the 'Halloween' horror franchise
- Tales from the Crypt printed fare: 3 wds.
- Huffy

- Champion
- Sternly scold: 2 wds.
- Big surname in fairytales
- Snug
- Guitar great Duane
- Variety
- Where Khartoum

- is the capital
- Secular
- Contradict
- Eccentricity
- Preference
- 'Close by', in verse
- Breaks branches
- Sentimental souvenirs
- Canadian History... Marion Orr and J.A.D. McCurdy: 2 wds.
- "How now, __?" - Hamlet
- Seedless grape variety
- Theological sch.
- Limited/measurable
- Instant millionaires have won 'em
- Remove from power, as in politics
- Recipe's result
- Lazy __ (Kitchen cupboard upgrade)
- Not as much
- __ around (Do some of a sleuth's work)
- Pecan or cashew
- Prior to
- Golfing standard

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Avoid arguments with authority figures today, because things are just too unpredictable! If you think you see problems coming, give your boss a wide berth.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is an unpredictable day, so be very careful. Travel plans will be canceled or rescheduled. This also is an accident-prone day. Use caution!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Make friends with your bank account, because something unexpected might affect your finances. Surprises related to shared property and inheritances could catch you off guard.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Be patient and diplomatic with partners and close friends in order to avoid fights today. Everything is up for grabs!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is an accident-prone day at work. Computer crashes and equipment breakdowns will interrupt your day. Allow extra time for wiggle room.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is an accident-prone day for your kids, so be vigilant. This also is a very dicey day for romantic relationships. Be patient with everyone.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Domestic strife might occur today, because chaos on the home front puts your nerves on edge. Small appliances might break down, and minor breakages could occur. Have patience.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is an accident-prone day, so be careful. Think carefully before you speak or do anything. Things will not unfold the way you expect them to.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Keep an eye on your possessions and assets today. You might find money, or you might lose money. Guard your possessions against loss, theft or breakage.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You feel impulsive and impatient today. Don't let your lack of patience get you in trouble. Easy does it.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You are unsettled today. You feel as if you're waiting for the other shoe to drop. That's because today is a bit of a crapshoot, and everyone feels it.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
A friend might surprise you by doing something you least expect. Don't overreact. Likewise, a group to which you belong might oppose what you say. Go gently. If you act without thinking, you could lose friends and your reputation.

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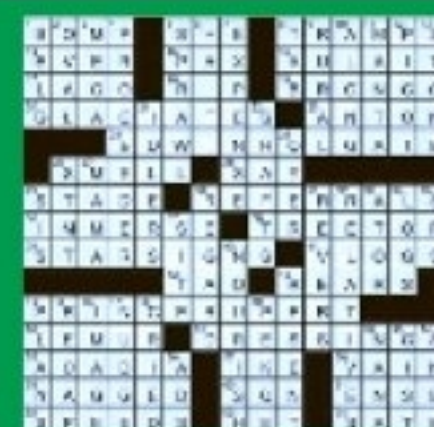


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